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VIEWS AND REVIEWS OF CURRENT FICTION

More Good American Novels-Samuel Merwin's lates her meetings with an English "Honey Bee" and Susan Glaspell's "Fidelity"—A dangers alone and unprotected, and, since the one travels West and the Cockney Master Girl-Other New Novels.

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that she has gone to pieces. Then comes the epilogue of her unfortunate love affair of long ago. Full; awake now emotionally, within sight of happiness, she defies the conventions, that

FIDELITY A Nove. By Susan Glaspell 12mo. starts as a runaway farm boy in a factory town; he gains a B. A., if not an Here is a book of great merit, which

Here is a book of great merit, which in the quality of its workmanship may well invite comparison with the best of the contemporary English novelists. Miss Glaspell sees the situation with which she deals clearly, and, one concludes, she sees it whole. Her heroine weighs the gains against the losses which the passionate love that led her dered in "Room 23." Then an editor, dered in "Room 23." Then an editor, dered in "Room 23." brought her after ten years of their life together. It is her visit home, to take have of her dying father, which reveals to her what her step has cost jective and utterly unaware of the imper family. to elope with a married man have and finally the author of an obvious ten years have elapsed that the wronged wife consents to a divorce; not till then that the woman feels that she is free to make her final choice. The bullean Farquhar Payson. 12mc. pp. 216. free to make her final choice. The story is focussed with supreme ability n a setting best calculated to bring out all the aspects of the case in their fullest strength in a small town in the Middle West. The character drawing is excellent throughout, and it is refreshing, in these days of much revolt against "man-made" laws, to find Miss Glaspell frankly facing the fact that in a case like that of her heroine it is the women, not the men, who sit in judgment and condemn without mercy.

ALICE AND A FAMILY, By St. John G. Errice.

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The lady, we are to understand from the lady resenting certain patronizing efforts to teach efficiency to the women of the er classes, expressed the opinion that they need no such instruction; that, as a matter of fact, they know well though, and have always known, how sendent the business of life in the a fellow-American: dreumstances in which their existence cast-that, indeed, they are as efteent as their men will allow them to be. This, judging from his novels, is also the opinion of St. John G. Ervine, the author of "Mrs. Martin's Man" and

strange metamorphosis in many Americans when they first discover the Old World. But never more markedly than in him.

The ex-husband starts for Japan, and writes her all about an unhappy ne meets on the steamer; she ro other East, they are bound to meet again. The story is a clever trifle about two innocents abroad acquiring as they go a little knowledge of the world and failure into success, and kept control other which they had lacked before.

MAY MAGAZINES.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY. Among the contents of the May "Atshe makes the acquaintance of a prizeshe makes the acqu ders of the Veldt; the natives and their pact in England traditions and superstitions are still of peace. This article loses but little pah.

Rider Haggard's alone. Sailors who bunk in the submarines is no longer up to date in the case of one of the members of the Cabinet.— Sailors who bunk in the submarines were too busy cleaning machinery and repairing batteries to give attention to That sturdy anti-feminist, Agnes Rep That sturdy anti-feminist, Agness are properly formers, 12mo, pp. 807. Harper & Boss.

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the sub-title describes this decidedly readable novel quite accurately. Its here is a rolling stone, who, absolutely lacking the sense of direction or any aim beyond the day's livelihood, yet finds his resting place and plenty of mess at last. He lives entirely on the discussion of the complex question of woman's new status. It is richly suggestive of searching thought, but well constructed and well written. Include that Mr. Merwin's description of the great champion prizefight between Carpentier and Blink Moran is worth their while.

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LOVE LETTERS.

The novel in letters offers difficul-

merit of originality, if it has no other.

Under the rather far-fetched title of the two corespondents. The couple begin to exchange letters the moment the Reno divorce has been granted for no reason in particular; it is an ultra-modern divorce. The lady, we are to understand from her early letters, is very temperamental, but the sequel does not confirm this view she takes of herself. Suffice it to say that, against her exhustand's advice, she starts for European male, and he is right; what is more, she writes him from Gibraltar of her encounter with a fellow-American:

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Big Gray Fighters Under Fletcher Here To-Day



Two of the visiting sailors ashore with their sweethearts.

cr's Committee on Entertainment of the Atlantic Fleet vesterday afternoon with the first reports of the Lusitania's sinking. If the worst fears were substinking. If the worst fears were substinking. If the worst fears were substinking.

\$150,000 Campaign to June 1. Bois, U.S. Steel Corporation, John Berwind, Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, Whitlock The board of managers of the Seaman's Institute decided yesterday to extend the campaign to raise \$150,000 for the institution until June 1. It was announced that \$105,780 had already Johnson, Harold S. Vanderbilt and

SAY DR. PARKHURST AIDED IN FRAUD

Loaned Name to Illegal Candy Deal.

a rule to show cause and has tempanies. Some of the subway contractporarily restrained the directors of the
American company from further action.
The bill alleges that Dr. Parkhurst obtained proxies, through which the
Franklin interests were turned over to

the American company.

'e complaint says that these prexies were obtained through letters Dr. Parkhurst wrote to the stockholders and that he did not even attend the meeting of April 10, when the resolution to sell the Franklin company's for The Bronx championship, now held the provided by S. Howard Voshell, the Eastern

and the American companions, and the American control of the American control of the Sale of the Franklin concrents assets should not be set aside and a receiver appointed to take charge of the property and business until "a new and fair election" of directors can be and fair election of directors can be brought about, the brought about, the brought about, the sale of the club, between 135th and 136th the club, between 135th and 136th will close next Friday at 5 o'clock, when the draw will be made, and should be sent to Paul P. Goold, 2314 Broadway Schuyler 4789.

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Ships Bring It Over as Ballast;

friend, in a bill filed in the Chancery ways in this city. Suitable sand car designed to bring about fraudulently goes from the other side so much that

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to attend the christening of the battle-ship Arizon at the New York Navy Yard on June 19.

R. B. Ward, president of the Brook-lyn club in the Federal League, has no-tified Finley J. Shepard, chairman of

Thursday night.

New! Haven, May 7 .- By unantmous decision of the judges, the Yale freshmen debaters were awarded the victory over Harvard here to-night in the fifth

Charles P. Taft, 2d, son of the ex-President, led the Eli team, which took the negative of the question, "Resolved, Taht the United States Should Abolish

Foreign Policy."
Fayette S. Curtis and Milton C.
Grossman were the other Yale speakers, while the Harvard team was Lowhe Monroe Doctrine as a Part of It's